

NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT COMMISSION ON CHILDREN IN THE COURTS

RESOLUTION

Contribution of Nebraska Guardians ad Litem

During its December 2014 meeting, the Nebraska Supreme Court's Commission on Children in the Courts issued a resolution in recognition of the essential role of the Guardian ad Litem in juvenile court cases involving children of the State of Nebraska.

Whereas, the Nebraska Supreme Court's Commission on Children in the Courts focuses on improving the effectiveness of the court system when dealing with issues surrounding children; and

Whereas, over the last nine years the Commission has drafted guidelines for practicing attorneys serving as Guardians ad Litem, recommended standards of practice, instituted educational requirements for attorneys in juvenile court and is closely involved in on-going efforts to enhance the quality and effectiveness of the work of the juvenile courts; and

Whereas, there are currently 344 attorneys that have complied with the 2014 educational requirements for Guardian ad Litem duties and are eligible for appointment in Nebraska's juvenile courts; and

Whereas, many dedicated attorneys work tirelessly to improve the outcomes for children in the court system where they are called upon to be the eyes of the judge in insuring the court is fully aware of the circumstances of the child, and where they act as mediators, protectors, advocates; and

Whereas, in addition to the many hours of work in the courts, Guardians ad Litem are subject to stringent annual education requirements; and

Whereas, the hard work of these attorneys is invaluable to the work of the juvenile courts and there is no more important work that an attorney can do.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that:

The Commission on Children in the Courts hereby recognizes the contribution of Guardians ad Litem working in the Nebraska juvenile court system and wishes to thank the Guardians ad Litem who have committed themselves to serving the needs of Nebraska's children.

Adopted this 5th day of December 2014 in Lincoln, Nebraska, by the unanimous acclaim of all members here assembled.



Everett O. Inbody, Chief Judge
Co-chair Nebraska Supreme Court
Commission on Children in the Courts